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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
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Our Case No. 659/1531 (K-C 14996B)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wang et al.

Application No. 09/753,077

Filing Date: March 12, 2001

For WATER-RESPONSIVE
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD
OF MAKING SAME

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.